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| For: TRANSPARENT, BIAXIALLY ORIENTED POLYOLEFIN FILM         |                          |         |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the application:

## Changes to the Claims:

Please replace claims 3-13 with the following clean claims as follow:

3. Polyolefin film according to claim 1, characterized in that the dry-grinding process is carried out in such a way that a rough surface structure is produced.

4. Polyolefin film according to claim 1, characterized in that the ground layered silicate is non-glossy.

5. Polyolefin film according to claim 1, characterized in that the layered silicate is a mica, preferably muscovite, biotite, phlogopite, vermiculite or synthetic mica.

6. Polyolefin film according to claim 1, characterized in that the mica has optionally been ignited.

7. Polyolefin film according to claim 1, characterized in that the mean particle size is from 1 to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , preferably from 2 to 8  $\mu\text{m}$ .

8. Polyolefin film according to claim 1, characterized in that the layered silicate is in the base layer and/or in one interlayer and/or in one top layer.

9. Polyolefin film according to claim 1, characterized in that the layered silicate is present in the film in a concentration of from 0.1 to 1.0  $\text{g}/\text{m}^2$ , preferably from 0.1 to 0.7  $\text{g}/\text{m}^2$ , in particular from 0.10 to 0.30  $\text{g}/\text{m}^2$ .

10. Polyolefin film according to claim 1, characterized in that the film has a thickness of from 3 to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , preferably from 5 to 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

11. Use of a film according to claim 1 for marking by means of a laser, preferably by means of a CO<sub>2</sub> laser or by means of an Nd:YAG laser or by means of an excimer laser.

12. Use of an oriented laser-marked film according to claim 1 as packaging film.

13. Process for marking a film according to claim 1 by means of a laser.